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## CHDP Provider Information Notice #93-6

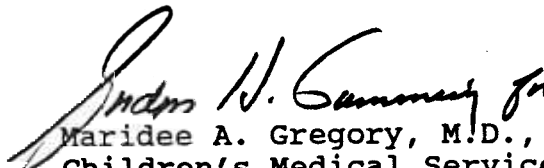
To: CHDP Providers

Subject: Reimbursements for Immunizations Administered Without a Health Assessment

From time to time we receive questions from providers regarding the State Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program policy on reimbursements for immunizations administered to infants or children who are overdue for CHDP health assessment, or who have not yet had a full health assessment at all. The basic and critically important purpose of the CHDP program is to have covered infants and children receive full health assessments on schedule, so that significant health problems (e.g., growth or developmental delay, anemia, vision or hearing impairment, etc.) can be detected and promptly attended to. Immunization delivery is a very important part of the CHDP health assessments but is just one part.

Thus, providers need to make every effort to ensure that the health assessments are implemented. Each time an immunization is administered to an infant or child who is due or overdue for a health assessment, the provider should either (a) take the time at the current visit to perform an assessment (especially if the parents do not seem to understand the need for well-child care), or (b) if there is no other choice, after giving the immunization, schedule a follow-up appointment for the assessment as soon as possible.

The CHDP program currently does provide reimbursement for immunizations given to infants and children who are behind-schedule for health assessments, if the immunizations fall within allowable CHDP immunization schedules. However, if an immunization is given in this circumstance, the provider MUST include the date for which he/she is scheduling the health assessment in the "Screening Procedure Recheck" box near the lower right-hand corner of the Confidential Screening/Billing Report (PM 160). Failure to make this entry and to make all reasonable efforts to have these infants and children return to complete the health assessments will jeopardize future reimbursements to providers.

  
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